

PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF NORFOLK, VA., OF THE BRIDGE
ACROSS BOUSH CREEK AND APPROACHES THERETO

DECEMBER 17, 1924.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the
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Mr. DREWRY, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the
following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9540]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 9540, having had the same under consideration, report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The bill (H. R. 9540) authorizes the purchase by the city of Norfolk, Va., of the bridge across Boush Creek and approaches thereto.

The bridge in question is upon an undeveloped road connecting the naval base with Ocean View. There are hard service roads through the city from the Norfolk-Portsmouth ferries to the naval base and also to Ocean View. The road from the naval base to Ocean View has not been developed. The city of Norfolk is desirous of building a hard service road between these two points and utilizing the old bridge across the Boush Creek. The bridge itself will have to be rebuilt, perhaps of concrete. It is now in a most dilapidated condition. If the city of Norfolk can acquire the bridge it will develop this connection to the advantage of the naval base and the people who may be called into service at that point from the direction of Ocean View. In other words, it will be a distinct advantage to the Government and result in absolutely no inconvenience or loss.

The bill meets with the approval of the Navy Department, as shown by the following letter to the chairman of the Committee on

Naval Affairs of the House of Representatives from the Secretary of the Navy:

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
Washington, August 4, 1924.

The CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON NAVAL AFFAIRS,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Replying further to the committee's letter of May 30, 1924, inclosing a bill (H. R. 9540) to authorize the purchase by the city of Norfolk, Va., of the bridge across Boush Creek and approaches thereto, and requesting the views and recommendations of the Navy Department thereon, the department has the honor to inform you as follows:

The bill (H. R. 9540) authorizes the sale of the bridge across Boush Creek and approaches thereto to the city of Norfolk, Va., for the sum of \$500. This bridge is of wooden construction, and includes a strip of land about 1,400 feet long and 30 feet wide, improved by a concrete highway.

This department heretofore has indicated to the proper authorities of the city of Norfolk and to others interested that it would approve of legislation authorizing the conveyance of this property to the city of Norfolk.

In view of the foregoing, the committee is advised that this department has no objection to the purchase by the city of Norfolk of the bridge across Boush Creek and the approaches thereto, and accordingly recommends enactment of the bill H. R. 9540.

Sincerely yours,

CURTIS D. WILBUR,
Secretary of the Navy.

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